

***Final LEAG Notes
Conference call
February 26, 2009
2 pm - 4 pm***

Participants:

- 1) Lauri Vigue
- 2) Jenna Norman
- 3) Steve Martin
- 4) Mary Jorgensen
- 5) Angie Begosh
- 6) Barbara Rosenkotter
- 7) Amy Hatch-Winecka
- 8) Dan McCarty
- 9) Karen Bergeron
- 10) Cheryl Baumann
- 11) Jeanette Dorner
- 12) Kathy Peters
- 13) Lorin Reinelt
- 14) Char Schumacher
- 15) John Sims
- 16) Joy Juelson
- 17) Richard Brocksmith
- 18) Alex Conley
- 19) Alan Chapman
- 20) Brian Abbott
- 21) Megan Duffy
- 22) Sara Laborde
- 23) Melody Tereski
- 24) Rich Osborne

Outreach Committee Update:

Lauri gave an update on the LE day legislative planning. The instructions and floor layout will be sent out today.

LE day Reminders:

- If you will need a plug-in for part of your display, you **must** bring your own extension cord (these will not be provided).
- If you need drop off anything from a car, please arrive by 7:00/7:30 am.
- Tables will arrive at 8:00 am.
- WST will be available to help set up and greet visitors.
- Bring your own lunch, refreshments will be provided for the guests/visitors.
- Awards will be handed out around noon. 8 citizen awards, 4 policy awards, and 2 technical assistance awards.

ACTION: If you have any special needs for technical support, please contact Jenna by Friday March 6th.

Executive Committee Elections:

This part of the agenda was postponed until the next LEAG April 14th.

February SRFB follow-up:

Richard Brocksmith gave a brief update on the issues of the February SRFB meeting and asked 5 questions of LEAG. The following questions structured the discussion:

- Are there any questions on the 8% budget reduction directive by regional area?
- Are folks prepared to have these regional area discussions and prepare proposals by 4/3?
- Does anyone have a good example of how they are going to reduce their budget by 8% through efficiencies rather than service cuts?
- What is the ideal future role for LEAG, and how can we meet that future efficiently?
- What do folks think conceptually about the biennial grant proposal?

The outcome of the discussion is that people understand what is being asked, they are able to do the regional area discussions by 4/3, there will be a range of efficiencies and service cuts brought forward. That last 2 questions included resulted in brainstorming, recognizing we will be working to answer them over the longer-term. The details from that discussion are below:

-The draft manual will be out by the end of next week and will be approved at the May meeting with only minimal changes.

-The budget reductions will include a (compromised) 8% human infrastructure cut across all LEs.

-A Budget reduction memo was sent out from Brian Abbott on February 25, 2009. This memo suggested that regional areas should work together and identify an 8% reduction in their combined budgets, and be ready to report this reduction strategy by April 3rd.

-Examples of efficiencies: conducting joint meetings, video conferencing, establish interagency agreements (rather than contracting out).

-RCO staff asked what the highest priority for LE is during the transition from WDFW to RCO, and what is LEAG's future?

-Comments from LEAG were: LEAG coordination is time consuming, it won't happen through volunteer LE coordinators.

-Brian Abbott announced that registration for the Project Conference on April 15th and 16th is now open.